

# NEWS RELEASE



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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Closures for the San Fernando Valley I-5 HOV Improvement Project

*In observance of Veterans Day, there will be NO project-related closures from Wednesday, November 10, at 6 a.m. through Friday, November 13, at 11:59 p.m.*

**San Fernando Valley** — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close the following lanes, ramps, and connectors of the Golden State Freeway (I-5) and the Ronald Reagan Freeway (SR-118) as part of a \$140-million improvement project to construct High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV or carpool) lanes and a direct HOV lane connector at the I-5/SR-170 interchange. Closures are subject to change.

### Golden State Freeway (I-5) Closures

*Monday, November 8, through Wednesday, November 10, at 6 a.m.*

- Up to three lanes of Northbound I-5 from Sheldon Street to Paxton Street  
TIME: 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- Northbound I-5 Branford Street Off-Ramp  
TIME: and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Northbound I-5 Osborne Street On-Ramps (eastbound and westbound)  
TIME: and 7 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- Northbound I-5 Osborne Street Off-Ramp  
TIME: and 7 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- Northbound I-5 Terra Bella Street Off-Ramp  
TIME: and 7 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- Up to two lanes of Southbound I-5 from SR-118 to SR-170  
TIME: 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

### Ronald Reagan Freeway (SR-118) Closures

*Monday, November 8, through Wednesday, November 10, at 6 a.m.*

- Eastbound SR-118 Connector to Southbound I-5  
TIME: 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.

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## About the Project

This project involves the construction of an HOV lane in each direction on I-5 between the Hollywood Freeway (SR-170) and SR-118, a distance of 6.8 miles (3.4 miles in each direction). It will also widen four undercrossings, replace sections of pavement, and reconstruct the mixed-flow connector to build a direct HOV connector at the I-5/SR-170 interchange. A direct HOV connector allows for freeway-to-freeway transfers without exiting the carpool lane.

This project will alleviate congestion, encourage carpooling, improve air quality, and provide a smoother ride for motorists. The work is part of Caltrans' effort to provide motorists with a seamless carpool lane network in California.

Work began in August 2010 and is on track to wrap up in the spring of 2013. Caltrans thanks motorists for their patience and understanding during construction.

For more information, check out the project web page:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist07/travel/projects/details.php?id=49>

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